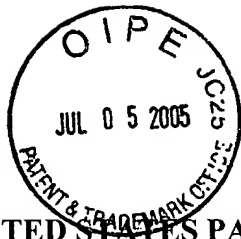


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The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2005, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith.